

mistake. To those who are called remaining away creates the anxiety and restlessness, and is the true sacrifice. In a word, I am satisfied, and await now, as I have always tried to do, the call of the church to go where she believes I may do the best service for the Master. In this she has the assurance that at least one of her ministers will be ready. Meanwhile, if the Lord will, I shall live and labor with my present charge, where I love the people; and, I am glad to say, without a particle of vanity, but to my peoples' praise, they love me.

J. C. MACKEY.

GILLASPIE, VA.

Perhaps the readers of the EVANGELIST remember in May that brother D. C. Moomaw gave an account of organizing a Progressive Church here, but you have not heard anything from us lately. We are still progressing slowly. When Bro. Mowmaw organized us in May we had only four members, now we have eight. On Sunday, Dec. 13, brother S. R. Woodruff was elected to the ministry, and on Sunday last he preached to us from the words, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." We have no house of worship here, but hope soon to have one. We ask the prayers of the churches everywhere that we may keep the Son of man lifted up, and that we may soon become a strongly organized church.

LUCY GILLASPIE.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

While on a trip through California, myself and family stopped for some time at Lathrop. While there we stayed at the home of brother J. P. Wolfe. To those who know Bro. Wolfe and family, this fact will be a guarantee of the pleasant and enjoyable visit we had here. Such pleasant people it is a treat to meet—they make one feel so welcome and so much at home that you can not fail to have a genuine good time. Also visited at the home of Rev. Shively, their pastor at Lathrop. He was holding a series of meetings at the time and is doing a good work here. He is a man of ability and is much admired by outsiders as well as by members.

I was so favorably impressed with the country about here that I must say a few words in regard to it. Upon inquiry from some of the successful farmers of this locality, I learned that by intelligent farming and careful management, good crops and stock can be raised here, and this, too, without irrigation. The soil here is wonderfully fertile when it has plenty of

water, and if the proposed scheme of irrigation is successfully carried out, I see no reason why this part of the San Joaquin Valley should not excel in fertility even the famous valley of Utah, for the San Joaquin most certainly has a much warmer winter climate. One advantage a farmer here has over those of the east, is that he can plow and work in the field all winter, consequently he is not nearly so rushed as in the short spring and fall seasons of the east.

Land here is comparatively cheap yet. Some good farms can be bought at from \$25 00 to \$35 00 per acre; and this, too, within five to ten miles of Stockton, a lively city of 20,000 inhabitants, with direct connections with Oakland and San Francisco, both by rail and by water, thus producing a good market. Stockton also furnishes good school facilities, its high school being on the accredited list of both California and Leland Stanford Universities.

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THE BETHEL CHURCH.

By request of the brethren of the Bethel congregation of the Brethren Church in Adam Co., Ind., I will give a little account of this congregation. Seven years ago this little church was organized by the writer while working under the supervision of the Indiana State Mission Board. Went there by order of the president, brother Enos Sala, now deceased, and worked through rain and mud and opposition until 43 surrendered and were organized into a Brethren Church. During the following summer they built a nice church, which was dedicated by the writer, October 1890. At the time of dedication we continued the service two weeks, which resulted in 20 more to the number. One of the first constituents of the church was a minister, who worked faithfully for a while, and through his instrumentality a number more were added during the following year and all things worked well for some time, but alas! disturbance came in. That nasty thing that is "prince of the power of the air," and sometimes gets into men, and even swine and makes them run down into the sea got into the flock and scattered the lambs. Some went back to their former church homes, others to the world, but a few faithful young men and women stood firm as rocks and kept up the prayer-meeting and Sabbath-school, and when it was so they could they had Brethren ministers to preach for them. God bless such noble brethren as Frank Johnson, John Parr, A. J. Hawk, John Frank and the few others who stood firmly by them through all their trials. Brethren Hopkins and J. C. Cripe preached for them; the former, two years,

the latter one year, and both did good work by way of paving the way for a better time.

Brother Cripe's time having expired, the brethren desired the writer to take pastoral charge a year; accordingly we began labor there on the 28th of last May and kept up the appointments monthly until the 21st of Nov., when we began protracted work.

The first ten days of this effort was almost a failure, owing to rain and mud and dark nights, then, too, there was a diphtheria scare pervading the country, and people who had children were afraid to bring them to church; then there were several other protracted meetings in progress near by at same time. The latter part of the second week, however, the revival wave began to move, and on some occasions the house did not hold the people that flocked out, and prodigals began to come home. Our congregation would, all the while, increase and diminish with the condition of the weather. We had heavy rains each week, and bad roads to follow.

The final result of this four weeks effort was thirty-five accessions to the Bethel Church. Several of the number came by relation, a few restored, but the greater part were added by confession and baptism. A few remain to be baptized in the near future. It is useless to say that we had the wonted opposition, not from a G. B. source this time. Some tried to make our candidates believe that the water would make them sick, others that they would smother to death in the act of baptism. One man, whose daughter confessed the Lord, we were told, threatened to drive her from home if she was baptized. But the brave girl was baptized all the same. The converts range in their ages all the way from thirteen to seventy-seven years. The Lord bless Bethel.

J. W. SWIHART.

NOTES FROM THE WORKSHOP.

While we have been silent for some time, the work here nevertheless is moving along. We preached for the Auburn Church this year, but once a month. Financial depressions are felt in the church sometimes as well as other things. The class, young in years, yet the majority, if not all, are working for that happy home above. We commence a protracted meeting in that congregation on January 2. Pray for us that the work may be held up by divine power.

Roanoke, Ind.—The last quarterly meeting at this place convened on last Saturday at 1 P. M. We found the church in good spirits. Among the duties of that service, one was to arrange for preaching